

House Resolution No. 2741

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of six wondrous decades has passed since James Gentry lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Mary Lou Burchett, during a solemn ceremony on April 6, 1947, in Harrison, Arkansas; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, James and Mary Gentry have had the pleasure of raising three children, Peggy Gentry Lindsey, Jay Gentry, and the late Ronnie Gentry, and the privilege of spoiling two grandchildren and one great-grandchild; and

Whereas, now retired, James Gentry has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes being a funeral director for more than fifty years, a World War II veteran of the United States Marines, and a member of various community and county organizations; having the Gentry Residential Care Treatment Center named in his honor; and serving as the Texas County Coroner for forty-five years; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mary Gentry has further distinguished herself as a retired funeral director; and

Whereas, during their sixty years together, James and Mary Gentry have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Gentry of Cabool commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary on April 6, 2007:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to James and Mary Gentry and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. James Gentry, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 2741, adopted April 26, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker